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SUBJ: NEW AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ERBAKAN HAS BLOCKED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THE APPROVAL OF A LONG LIST OF NEW AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS APPARENTLY BECAUSE SOME OF THE APPOINTEES ARE PERSONALLY OR POLITICALLY DISTASTEFUL TO HIM. THIS DELAY HAS HAD A DEMORALIZING EFFECT ON THOSE IN MFA AWAITING THEIR NEW ASSIGNMENTS. FACT THAT SOME AMBASSADORS ARE DISPLEASED WITH THEIR IMPENDING ASSIGNMENTS HAS FURTHER AGGRAVATED THE SITUATION.

2. IT NOW APPEARS THAT DEADLOCK HAS BEEN PARTIALLY BROKE. THE SEPT 10 OFFICIAL GAZETTE PUBLISHED THE REASSIGNMENT OF TURKISH UN PERMREP OSAMN OLCAY TO ANKARA AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY THE CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW ILTER TURKMEN. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL MAY HAVE MADE A SPECIAL ATTEMPT TO HAVE THIS SWITCH APPROVED. OLCAY HAD REPORTEDLY INCURRED CAGLAYANGIL'S DISPLEASURE TO THE EXTENT THAT HE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE NEW YORK BEFORE CAGLAYANGIL'S ARRIVAL THERE LAST WEEK. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED

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THAT OLCAY WAS NO LONGER IN HIS OFFICE AS OF SEPT 4 BUT HE

MAY STILL BE IN NEW YORK PACKING.

3. AMONG ASSIGNMENTS RUMORED BUT NOT YET ANNOUNCED WAS THAT OF TURKISH PERMREP TO NATO ORHAN ERALP TO ATHENS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, ERALP WAS SO UPSET WHEN HE WAS TOLD OF HIS RE-ASSIGNMENT BY HIS REPLACEMENT THAT HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT TO ATHENS. WE WERE TOLD BY THE MFA OFFICIAL MENTIONED IN PARA 2 THAT ERALP WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A POSITION OF NO RESPONSIBILITY IN ANKARA.

4. A THIRD AMBASSADOR REPORTED TO BE DISGRUNTLED IS THE AMBASSADOR TO ATHENS, KAMURAN GURSUN, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TOLD THE MFA THAT HE CANNOT CONTINUE AT HIS POST. ACCORDING TO ONE STORY HE IS UPSET BECAUSE CAGLAYANGIL DID NOT INVITE HIM TO BRUSSELS TO PARTICIPATE IN GREEK-TURKISH TALKS.
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